

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

CONSTRUCTION & EXTRACTION

Four out of five *Construction and Extraction* jobs are middle-skilled. The top three middle-skill *Construction and Extraction* occupations with the most projected annual openings are *Carpenters*; *Electricians*; and *First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers*. These three occupations combined are projected to have over 4,100 annual job openings through 2032.

Top Middle-Skill Construction and Extraction Occupations by Annual Openings

Occupations	2022 Estimated Employment	2032 Projected Employment	Annual Openings		2023 Mean Wages
			Difference	Total	
Carpenters	20,471	21,623	115	1,839	\$62,810
Electricians	13,024	14,074	105	1,285	\$67,850
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	11,609	12,225	62	999	\$80,900
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	9,282	9,873	59	859	\$66,670
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	9,155	9,494	34	828	\$69,730
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	7,484	7,738	25	608	\$57,570
Highway Maintenance Workers	4,942	5,231	29	483	\$42,180
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	5,299	5,185	-11	380	\$61,670
Sheet Metal Workers	3,991	4,081	9	375	\$69,610
Construction and Building Inspectors	1,814	1,789	-2	201	\$61,660

Skill requirements for occupations can be divided into *common skills* and *specialized skills*. Common skills are applicable across many different industries and occupations and are also known as “soft” skills. The top common skills for *Construction and Extraction* occupations include *Communications* and *Customer Service*. Specialized skills are more specific to an occupation and are also known as “technical” or “hard” skills. The top specialized skills for *Construction and Extraction* occupations include *Construction*, *Power Tool Operation*, and *Hand Tools*.

Top Skills

Top Common Skills

Communications
Customer Service
Lifting Ability
Detail Oriented
Operations

Top Specialized Skills

Construction
Power Tool Operation
Hand Tools
Carpentry
Painting

Top Certifications

Valid Driver's License
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
10-Hour OSHA General Industry Card
CDL Class A License
30-Hour OSHA General Industry Card

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